

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5           1. A destructible privacy label comprising:  
              a sheet-like member having an upper surface  
              and an adhesive lower surface;

              said upper surface adapted for printing  
              indicia thereon; and

10           10        said sheet-like member comprising two  
              segments conjoined about a separation line that  
              defines adjacent segment edges;

              each segment being separable from the other  
              along the separation line;

15           15        wherein removing one of said segments from  
              the other renders indicia printed on sheet-like  
              member upper surface illegible.

20           2. The destructible privacy label of claim  
              1, wherein said separation line is sinusoidal and  
              extends from one edge of said sheet-like member to  
              another edge of said sheet-like member.

25           3. The destructible privacy label of claim  
              1, wherein said separation line is a cut line.

4. The destructible privacy label of claim  
1, further comprising:

30           a removable release liner contacting said  
              sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.

5. The destructible privacy label of claim  
4, wherein the surface of said release liner

contacting said sheet-like member adhesive lower surface is siliconized.

6. The destructible privacy label of claim  
5 1, further comprising:

a second sheet-like member having an upper surface and an adhesive lower surface, said upper surface releasably contacting said first sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.

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7. The destructible privacy label of claim 6, wherein said upper surface of said second sheet-like member is siliconized.

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8. The destructible privacy label of claim 7, further comprising:

a removable release liner contacting said second sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.

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9. The destructible privacy label of claim 8, wherein the surface of said release liner contacting said second sheet-like member adhesive lower surface is siliconized.

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10. The destructible privacy label of claim 1, wherein one segment of said sheet-like member has a permanent adhesive on said adhesive lower surface.

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11. A destructible privacy label comprising:

a sheet-like member having an upper surface and an adhesive lower surface;

said upper surface adapted for printing indicia thereon;

      said sheet-like member comprising a plurality of remainder segments; and

5      said sheet-like member further comprising at least one removable segment that is separable from said remainder segments;

      wherein removing said removable segment from said remainder segments renders indicia printed 10 on said sheet-like member upper surface illegible.

12. The destructible privacy label of claim 11, wherein at least one of said remainder segments has a two-dimensional shape chosen from a group of 15 circles, squares, diamonds, octagons, dagger shapes, saw tooth shapes, and island shapes.

13. The destructible privacy label of claim 11, wherein at least one remainder segment of said 20 sheet-like member has a permanent adhesive on said adhesive lower surface.

14. The destructible privacy label of claim 11, further comprising:

25      a second sheet-like member having an upper surface and an adhesive lower surface, said upper surface releasably contacting said first sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.

30      15. The destructible privacy label of claim 11, further comprising:

      a removable release liner contacting said second sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.

16. A method of protecting the privacy of a patient's identity and personal information in a healthcare setting, comprising the steps of:

5 providing a destructible privacy label comprising:

a sheet-like member having an upper surface and an adhesive lower surface;

10 said upper surface adapted for printing indicia thereon; and

said sheet-like member comprising two segments conjoined about a separation line that defines adjacent segment edges;

15 each segment being separable from the other along the separation line.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the step of providing a destructible privacy label further comprises providing a destructible privacy label further comprising a removable release liner contacting said sheet-like member adhesive lower surface

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

25 printing indicia on said sheet-like member upper surface, said indicia operative to indicate a patient's identity and personal information;

30 removing said release liner from said sheet-like member adhesive lower surface;

placing said adhesive lower surface of said sheet-like member on an object to associate said

object with said patient's identity and personal information; and

removing one of said sheet-like member segments from said object, thereby rendering the  
5 indicia printed on said sheet-like member upper surface illegible.

19. The method of claim 16, wherein the  
step of providing a destructible privacy label  
10 further comprises providing a destructible privacy  
label further comprising:

a second sheet-like member having an upper  
surface and an adhesive lower surface, said upper  
surface releasably contacting said first sheet-like  
15 member adhesive lower surface; and

a removable release liner contacting said  
second sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.

20. The method of claim 19, further  
20 comprising the steps of:

printing indicia on said first sheet-like  
member upper surface, said indicia operative to  
indicate a patient's identity and personal  
information;

25 removing said release liner from said  
second sheet-like member adhesive lower surface;

placing said adhesive lower surface of said  
second sheet-like member on an object to associate  
said object with said patient's identity and personal  
30 information; and

removing one of said first sheet-like  
member segments from said second sheet-like member,

thereby rendering the indicia printed on said first sheet-like member upper surface illegible.